

# SAN DIEGO DX CLUB BULLETIN



October 2006



**Bill Brown W6ZUM SK**



Join us at  
The SIZZLER, Aero Drive & Murphy Canyon Rd  
Wednesday Oct, 25 2006  
Dinner, 6:00 P.M. - Meeting, 7:00 P.M  
Lord Howe Island. Merv N6NO



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# Gavel Gab

Paul WN6K



CQP has come and gone and the club sure had a bunch of participation... according to the early reports from the W6PT Team, the 'Invincible Imperialists', K6QK, N7TY, K6ZH, N7CW and others had a great time defending the winning effort from last years contest. I myself was only able to put in just a short time at the key but was pleasantly surprised to hear the Euros calling me from deep beneath the din. Ah it sure is nice to have the Equalizing of the Equinox back once more.

Our club has a number of us that traveled this month. Harry, W6YOO took his bride to KH6, Bob, N6OX went off to ON land (if it's Tuesday, it must be Belgium???) and John, K6AM is packing bags to do Cayman soon. Come this month and enjoy views of the South Pacific from Merv, N6NO while he regales us with tropical tales from VK9- Lord Howe Island.

This is also a reminder that this meeting will be the last of this calendar year...except of course the annual Holiday gathering. This year it will be held on the 2nd of December and once again Wayne, NN6R has graciously accepted the role of host. Although the 'committee' has not drawn up a theme (usually based on the food served) MARK your calendars now and PLEASE send notice of your coming to the club email reflector.

As most of you know by now a fine fellow, W6ZUM passed away this month. Who could not recognize that gravely bass tone from across the room at many meetings over the past years. I was glad that Bill got back into DXing again at the end and I hope that you all got a chance to meet him. We will miss you Bill but tell Dick and Otto that you are there to share the Pileups with them up there.

Well I see by the cluster that there is DX calling me, so till then 73 and DX is.

### Bill Brown W6ZUM SK

Bill was born June 17, 1927 in Salt Lake City, Utah. With his brother Bob and sister Barbara, Bill's mother moved the family to Molokai, Hawaii in the early 30's, where the family thrived. Bill was Molokai's first Boy Scout, beginning a life-long love of the outdoors.

With the attack on Pearl Harbor, the family was part of the civilian relocation to California and settled in San Diego. Too young to enlist, Bill joined the Merchant Marine Service at 17, seeing action in the Leyte, Philippines' invasion. At 18, Bill's draft notice arrived and he served in the US Army thru 1946.

Back in San Diego, Bill met the love of his life, Patricia, with whom he celebrated their 58th anniversary this year. Bill also discovered ham radio and W6ZUM has been a familiar call sign to thousands of hams around the world since 1947.

Bill worked as a Research & Development Electronics Technician at the Navy Electronics Lab (now NOSC) in Point Loma for 27 years, retired in 1977 and thereafter enjoyed 29 years of retirement with his wife, Pat. With lots of hobbies and the urge to travel, Bill and Pat rented out the house and spent many years traveling the country in their motor home. Along with ham radio, Bill enjoyed reading science fiction, photography, writing, genealogy and computing.

We're going to miss Bill's sense of humor, quick wit, incisive comments on the world, and his wisdom. If Bill was your friend, truly, he was your friend for life.

Bill passed away peacefully at age 79, Oct 3rd, 2006 after a short illness.

## San Diego DX Club Policy

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### DX Bulletin and/or E-mail Reflector

The San Diego DX Club, a group of Amateur Radio operators, interested in the art of DXing, publish a monthly newsletter, and maintains an e-mail reflector where members and officers can post information of interest to other members.

Our policy is to print and/or post only information that is related to Amateur Radio, and not items of a political or religious nature, unless it has an impact on Amateur Radio, such as antenna ordinances, etc.

If a member wishes to have printed/posted any topic that is not Amateur Radio related, they can submit a copy to the club newsletter editor, webmaster, e-mail reflector moderator or any club officer, and the matter will be discussed and decided upon by the Board of Directors.

## TREASURER'S REPORT September 30, 2006



Balance as of Aug 31, 2006: \$1,756.52

### Income:

|                           |          |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Visalia Convention Share: | 2,400.00 |
| Regular Dues:             | 20.00    |
| TOTAL:                    | 2,420.00 |

Expenses: None

|                             |            |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| Balance as of Sep 30, 2006: | \$4,176.52 |
| Petty Cash:                 | 20.00      |
| Total Checking/Petty Cash:  | \$4,196.52 |

## MEETING MINUTES September 27, 2006

The San Diego DX Club held its regular monthly meeting on September 27, 2006 at the Sizzler Restaurant, Aero Drive and Murphy Canyon Road. The President, Paul, WN6K called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. There were 25 members and 3 guests present. The three guests indicated interest in joining and were provided with membership forms.

John, K6AM presented award certificates to several members who had scored well in a number of CW and SSB contests.

The DX Roundtable elicited numerous complaints about lousy band conditions, difficulties in obtaining the permits necessary to erect towers, and problems erecting the tower once the necessary permits were obtained.

Plans for activating the club call, W6PT in Imperial County for CQP were discussed and all were reminded that CA county designators had gone to a four letter format.

The Curator of the Crest Radio Museum, Pat, WA6MHZ announced that he had obtained a classic boat anchor designated the ARC-5.

Bob, N6OX of 3Y0X and Montenegro fame announced that he was headed for ON-land to participate in a major contest. Gayle, K6GO mentioned that she had seen former member Ken Seals and his wife and that all seemed well.

Howard, KY6LA, discussed the need for volunteers at the Miramar Air Show and that he had received an operating award for a recent contest.

Jim, K6ZH revealed that he had managed to qualify for WAS on 6 meters. Way to go Jim!

The Secretary/Treasurer announced that he would begin accepting dues for 2007 at the next club meeting.

### PROGRAM:

The program was presented by Terry, N6CW who was a Referee at the World Radio Team Championship recently held in Brazil. Some forty-six two person teams operate for 24 hours. Terry stated that the next WRTC would probably be held in Russia in the 2009/2010 time period.

### ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Harry Hodges, W6YOO  
Secretary/Treasurer

## THE SDDXC TOP 10 (EXPANDED VERSION)

**John Barcroft K6AM**  
**CURRENT COUNTRIES**  
**CONFIRMED ON PHONE**



| 10/06 | 10/05 | CALL   | C-D | CFM | WKD | CHG |
|-------|-------|--------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1.    | 1.    | W6KUT  | 335 | 372 | 373 | -   |
| 2.    | 2.    | W6EUF  | 335 | 369 | 371 | -   |
| 3.    | 3.    | W6CN   | 335 | 347 | 347 | -   |
| 4.    | 4.    | K6AM   | 335 | 341 | 343 | -   |
| 5.    | 5.    | N6AW   | 334 | 353 | 353 | -   |
| 6.    | 6.    | W6SHY  | 334 | 345 | 345 | +1  |
| 7.    | 11.   | W6YOO  | 333 | 338 | 338 | +1  |
| 8.    | 9.    | W6YA   | 333 | ?   | ?   | -   |
| 9.    | 10.   | W6YI   | 332 | 348 | 348 | -   |
| 10.   | 12.   | K6QS   | 332 | 335 | 338 | -   |
| 11.   | 13.   | N6CW   | 329 | 346 | 347 | -   |
| 12.   | 14.   | W6ZZ   | 324 | 350 | 351 | -   |
| 13.   | 17.   | K6ZH   | 320 | 325 | 326 | -   |
| 14.   | 15.   | WA6MHZ | 319 | 326 | 329 | -   |
| 15.   | 16.   | AC6V   | 319 | 327 | 327 | -   |
| 16.   | 18.   | N6ND   | 313 | 327 | 351 | +6  |
| 17.   | 19.   | KM6K   | 307 | 312 | 312 | -   |
| 18.   | 20.   | NG6Z   | 292 | 292 | 295 | -   |
| 19.   | -     | N6XT   | 291 | 291 | 304 | new |
| 20.   | -     | WN6K   | 279 | 285 | 314 | new |

We're lookin' at the top 20 in this category to accommodate the larger number of entries. There were a few moves as departing members make room for the up and comers. This list does not yet reflect the addition of Montenegro and Swain's island, but everyone should send me your updates when those cards come in so you won't get left in the dust. The upcoming VU7 operation should also help a few of us. There's still plenty of room for a shakeup in second ten, so you guys get out there and have some fun.

These scores were based on your direct reports and the club ladder, whichever was most current.

Each month, we will publish a top ten list for one of the lesser-recognized but hard won categories. Coming up next, CW, 10/40M and 80/20M. Please send me your totals for each band throughout the year and you will be listed in coming months. Use the convenient form at <http://www.sddxc.org> or bring 'em to the meeting.

### CHECK YOUR LOGS

It's time once again to recognize those of you who have made outstanding DX achievements during the year. Please check your logs and let me know if you worked your 326th current country or more than 20 all time new countries during 2005. Send your totals to the address above.

## My 70th Birthday DXpedition to Paradise

Our own Merv, N6NO, will present an illustrated talk on the way he decided to celebrate his 70th birthday. He set up a solo DXpedition to Lord Howe Island, an ecological paradise (and somewhat rare DXCC entity) in the South Pacific. Did you work VK9LNO last May? Come hear about his adventure at our meeting, 10/25/06.



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